## Snow leopard found dead in Chitral

CHITRAL: A snow leopard was found dead in the pastures of Wakht village of Garam Chashma valley here on Monday afternoon. The animal was spotted in the area about two months back after its long disappearance for more than 10 years.

The deputy ranger of wildlife department, Shafiq Ahmed, and regional programme manager of Snow Leopard Foundation, Jamigh Sherazi, told Dawn that after receiving a report about spotting of the snow leopard carcass, they reached the spot along with a team.

They said the carcass was frozen, which meant that the animal had died many hours before their arrival. They said the cause of death of the wild cat would be ascertained only after the postmortem was carried out in the veterinary hospital, where the body was being shifted.

Earlier, the leopard was spotted in Wakht, Munoor and Beghusht villages, which attacked the goats of the local people. The people had also been voicing concern about their losses.

The area has recently received snowfall forcing the animal to come to lower altitude areas in search of food and that was how it came in close conflict with the local population, an official said.

An environmentalist requesting not to be named told Dawn that the death of the wild cat might not be natural. — Correspondent

## Protesters seek release of their detained relatives

**PESHAWAR: Relatives of 'missing persons' staged a protest outside the Peshawar Press Club here on Monday, demanding the release of their loved ones and an end to what they described as 'discriminatory' treatment.**

**The demonstration was organised under the banner of Defence of Human Rights Pakistan and was attended by family members of people currently detained in Peshawar, Haripur and Mardan jails.**

**The protesters said that despite a 2018 order by Peshawar High Court directing the release of their relatives, they continue to be held on various pretexts.**

**Addressing the gathering, family members alleged that instead of being released, the detainees were now being transferred to prisons in other provinces in the name of jail reforms.**

**They maintained that under the reforms policy, the prisoners should be kept in their home provinces.**

**They pointed out that around 200 prisoners belonging to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had already been transferred back to the province from other parts of the country in line with these reforms.**

**However, the protesters claimed that former missing persons were being subjected to discrimination and sent to remote prisons in Punjab.**

**They said this was an injustice to the detainees' wives, children and their poor and elderly parents. — Bureau Report**

OFFICIALS destroy poppy crop during a campaign in Barang tehsil of Bajaur on Monday. A statement issued by the deputy commissioner's office said that the drive on 10 kanals of land was made possible only after successful negotiations with local elders. — Dawn

# PTI being unfairly targeted, insist treasury lawmakers

### They wonder how militants continue to enter KP despite border fencing, monitoring

By Umer Farooq

PESHAWAR: Treasury lawmakers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly on Monday insisted that the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) was being unfairly targeted.

Referring to the military spokesperson's recent news conference in which he wondered why militants didn't target the PTI, the lawmakers insisted that their party's both leaders and activists were victims of militancy.

During an assembly session chaired by Deputy Speaker Suriyya Bibi, housing minister Dr Amjad Ali said the top PTI leadership and Senator Khurram Zeeshan and MPAs Malik Liaqat, Anwar Zeb faced militant attacks.

He also said PTI founder Imran Khan was shot at by militants.

Dr Ali claimed the military's spokesperson had repeatedly held pressers against the PTI.

He said the more the military spoke against the PTI, the more it strengthened the party.

The minister questioned why the military's spokesperson had never talked about the performance of the Special Investment Facilitation Council, which, he said, was headed by "their own men".

"People in KP know everything. They ask why militants do not attack liquor shops, night clubs in Punjab and Sindh but mosques in KP," he said.

Dr Ali wondered how militants continued to enter KP despite the border being fenced, maintained by the military and monitored through drone cameras.

He said that the military had shared details of the military offensives against militants.

The minister questioned why 4,000 militants couldn't be eliminated after 21 major operations and 14,000 intelligence-based operations.

Treasury MPA Malik Adeel Iqbal said that he was astonished by large crowds at the PTI's street movement in Hazara on Sunday and that the sudden surge in turnout was caused by the military spokesperson's news conference against the party.

Opposition PPP member Ahmad Karim Kundi said that the law and order situation in the province had been discussed in detail during several assembly sittings and that a resolution was also adopted during a peace jirga.

He added that his party had been a major victim of militancy and that the province needed to move forward.

Mr Kundi said that the chief minister had never opposed military operations but wanted all stakeholders to be taken on board.

"The chief minister should call the prime minister and the interior minister, invite them and share the provincial government's point of view," he said.

Law minister Aftab Alam Afridi said that he appreciated Mr Kundi's views but wondered why they should sit with what he termed an "illegitimate government".

He said that militants were facilitated and transported, and that people in Tirah were forced to leave their homes.

The minister added that the security operation was aimed at belittling PTI founder Imran Khan and his workers.

"This house is empowered to make decisions regarding the province and its future," he said.

Earlier, Mr Kundi raised questions about the system for disbursing Zakat funds, saying that Rs860 million out of a total Rs2 billion cash handouts had been distributed to 36,000 individuals.

He said that the matter should be referred to the relevant house committee.

Mr Afridi said that Zakat committees were formed late in 2025 when only three months remained in the 2024-25 financial year and that he wouldn't object if the issue was referred to the relevant committee.

The chair referred the question to the relevant house committee.

Member of the opposition PPP Ehsanullah said he had sought details of tubewells installed in Dera Ismail Khan since 2024, including the amount spent and the number of tubewells solarised.

He said that he visited some sites to find nothing on the ground, while others were verified by third parties.

Irrigation minister Riaz Khan said that the department had provided all relevant details and that seven tubewells were approved and completed in 2024-25.

He said that he would order an inquiry and take action if there was nothing on the ground and that he was willing for the issue to be referred to the relevant committee.

The house also passed the KP Endowment Fund Kalash Community Bill, 2026, which was moved by Mr Afridi. He also tabled the KP Medical Teaching Institutions Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

The chair later put off the sitting until next Monday (January 26).

# Militant hideouts destroyed in Lakki operation

LAKKI MARWAT: Police personnel, with the help of the counter-terrorism department's commandos, destroyed militant hideouts and sanctuaries during a major operation in the trans-river belt here on Monday.

The operation was conducted within the limits of Dadiwala police station on the special instructions of Bannu Regional Police Officer Sajjad Khan under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's police zero tolerance policy against terrorism, according to a police official.

He told reporters that along with police and CTD personnel, the armed volunteers of peace committees also took part in the operation in the remote rural areas bordering Karak and Mianwali districts.

"In the Kaichi Kamar area, the law enforcers destroyed the hideouts of militants Kaleemullah alias Qeema and Naik Nawaz alias Naik Amal," he said.

The official said the safe havens established by terrorists Awal Noor and Sher Nawaz were also dismantled by the law-enforcement personnel.

He said that the sanctuaries of terrorists Irfan alias Paan and Sajjad were also eliminated in the Wanda Bhawali area during the operation.

"The operation was meant to give a clear message to the terrorists and their facilitators that they would not be spared at all and all those elements challenging the writ of state would face stern legal action," he said.

The official said that the police would continue conducting such operations until the last terrorist was eliminated from the region.

KILLED: A young man was killed by rivals near Baistkhel within the limits of Serai Gambila police station on Monday.

Police said that Noor Aslam, along with an accomplice, attacked Asifullah, 22, and his uncle, Salahuddin, with arms when they were going to the judicial complex on their motorcycle.

They said that Asifullah received critical injuries and died instantly, while his uncle narrowly escaped the firing attack.

The police said that the body was moved to the tehsil headquarters hospital in Serai Naurang for medico-legal formalities.

Police registered a case against the suspects and began an investigation.

Also, two wanted outlaws were arrested in injured condition after an exchange of fire in the Adamzai area on Monday.

A police official said that the fire was exchanged within the limits of Tajori police station.

He said that a party of Tajori police station reached the rural locality when local police officials received information about the presence of wanted suspects there.

"On seeing police, the armed men opened fire and tried to escape but they were captured after a brief gun battle," he claimed.

The official identified the injured men as Jamshed and Tahir saying they're wanted by police in a robbery case.

He said that the detainees were shifted to a hospital and a case was registered against them. — Correspondent

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# CM Afridi says govt won't abandon Tirah people

### Meets elders from Khyber district; orders establishment of additional IDP registration points during Bara visit

Dawn Report

PESHAWAR/KHYBER: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi on Monday said the provincial government would not abandon the people of Tirah and extend all possible assistance to them.

He was addressing a jirga from Khyber tribal district at the Chief Minister's House, which was convened to discuss law and order situation in the district and the problems faced by families displaced from Tirah Valley, according to an official statement.

Mr Afridi said that the tribal people had rendered immense sacrifices for the country, leaving behind their homes and belongings, and their sacrifices could not be ignored under any circumstances.

He said that there existed an organised mindset that did not want Pashtuns, particularly the tribal people, to become part of the mainstream system.

The chief minister said that the same mindset, which had been hostile for the past 75 years, did not recognise the Pakhtuns' very existence. He added that negative propaganda was launched that as soon as he was elected chief minister, a campaign of misleading against him, which was a regrettable attitude towards an elected CM.

Mr Afridi, however, said with public support he had defeated every negative narrative against him.

He said that he had promised to give his people pens instead of guns, and that he would stand in the front ranks for the defense of the country and would not hesitate to make any sacrifice.

The CM said that whenever his people faced difficult times, he had stood firmly by them and would continue to do so.

He said that PTI founder Imran Khan had created a level of political awareness among the public that enabled them to clearly distinguish between truth and hypocrisy. He added that the entire nation was united in extending support to those displaced from Tirah.

Mr Afridi said that all political parties and schools of thought in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were in agreement that military operations were not a solution to any problem.

He said after 22 major and 14,000 small security operations in the province, the question arises as to what guarantee remains that peace could be established.

"Decisions, made behind closed doors and imposed on Tirah, would not yield positive results," he said.Meanwhile, the chief minister on Monday ordered the upgradation of the registration process for the newly-displaced families from Tirah along with the establishment of additional registration points.

He visited Bara after receiving complaints about the process of registration and issuance of transport fare tokens to hundreds of undeserving people.

The CM went to the newly-established registration centre in Alamgudar and ordered a continuous and strict surveillance of the displaced families and constant monitoring of their registration process.

For the third time in less than two weeks, the centre set up for issuing registration tokens has been relocated after authorities detected serious anomalies in the process.

The district administration had earlier established two centres at Bagh Maidan and Dwa Thoye in Tirah which were later shifted to Sandana in Upper Bara and then to Mandai Kas in Bara.

The centre has now been shifted to the house of a former MNA in Alangudar where the CM met both affected IDPs and staff members of the registration centre about complaints from Tirah IDPs.

He assured the affected displaced families that every possible assistance would be provided to them and his government would not leave them alone in the current testing times.

The chief minister said the resolution of all their problems was his government's top priority and he would not tolerate any negligence in that regard.

Reiterating his government's opposition to the military operations in the province, Mr Afridi said that his government would not allow the merged districts to be used as a "laboratory" for military offensives.